

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Twelve Families Homeless In Center Fire

### Firemen Contain Blaze Quickly

by Elaine Skolnik

A major fire in the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments left 12 families homeless on Monday, October 19. The fire call came in at 4:34 p.m. and Greenbelt firefighters reached 53-A and 53-B Crescent Road four minutes later. In record time, at 5:09 p.m., they had the fire under control with assistance from other fire companies. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department remained on the scene until after 8 p.m.

Responding also were officials from the county's Office of Emergency Preparedness and the American Red Cross, who helped resettle temporarily eleven families (one was out of town). Utilities in the apartment building have been cut off and plans are being made for the restoration of the roof and rehabilitation of the building.

According to Greenbelt's assistant fire chief, William Dunn, who was fire ground commander of the operation, the fire started in a top-floor apartment gas furnace and traveled up the wall studs to the attic crawl space, where flames burst through the roof.

The fire burned one hole in the roof and another was cut by firefighters. Dunn described this as "ventilation" — a process of cutting holes in ceilings and roofs and breaking windows to allow heat and smoke to escape. In Monday's blaze firemen had to get at the blaze from below the fire by pulling ceilings down.

Dunn explained that the top priority after reaching any fire is to insure the safety of people. There were no injuries among the apartment occupants. However, a Glendale fireman was treated for a cut at Prince Georges General Hospital. He was later released.

At the same time the firemen battled to extinguish the blaze, they took measures to protect the surrounding buildings. The fire was confined to 53-A and 53-B

Crescent, where most of the damage to living quarters was caused by water rather than flames. Affected were individual apartments and personal belongings.

While the "ventilation" process was underway, the firefighters brought in salvage covers to protect furniture and personal belongings.

Dunn said that these procedures are followed in every fire operation. Additionally, the county fire department's investigative unit is called to the scene. Sometimes it

#### NOTICE

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring a relief drive for those Greenbelt residents who suffered severe losses in the October 19 fire at the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments. Anyone willing to donate clothing, furniture, food, or whatever, please contact Bill Brune at 474-1784, or Rick Barber at 474-5700 or 441-1010.

is weeks or longer before a case is closed. However, Captain James Mundy of the county's fire department said that the cause of Monday's fire was already determined to be a defective gas furnace. He estimated that damages totalled \$60,000 — \$50,000 to the building and \$10,000 to the contents of the apartments. However, on Tuesday, contractors for the insurance company were unable to get at the blaze from below the fire by pulling ceilings down.

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points, with only the emphasis changing from one speaker to the next. The strongest legal challenge came from the ACLU.

Members of the county council, holding the only public hearing on the Redistricting Commission's Final Plan, heard from all five members of Greenbelt's City Council, a dozen other Greenbelt citizens and three members of the state delegation. The County council members—all eleven were present—listened, but for the most part made no comment—and no promises.

#### Greenbelt's Plea

Greenbelt had asked little of the Redistricting Commission—only that the city not be placed in a district with Bowie. Thus outrage was expressed at the Commiss-

### Residents Move Out

By Bill Rowland

Residents of the twelve apartment units at 53-A and 53-B Crescent Road, driven out by fire on Monday afternoon, were fortunate in several ways. Greenbelt firemen, aided by other companies, were able to control the fire quickly, and in doing so kept water damage relatively low for a blaze of this kind. None of the residents was injured (although a Glenn Dale fireman did suffer a cut leg). And when they were forced to move all their belongings with no warning, then the sunny dry weather on Tuesday at least didn't hamper what was otherwise a very unhappy task.

On Tuesday, the day after the fire, the apartment complex's resident manager, Robin Croteau, advised residents of the twelve units to find new places to live. She expected that the county building inspector would condemn the building by the end of the day, and water, electricity, and gas had all been shut off. Croteau called various other apartment developments in the Greenbelt area to get vacancy information for residents. She also began compiling a list of displaced residents who might want priority consideration to return when other apartments in the complex become vacant or when the damaged building is repaired.

Croteau told residents their rent for the rest of the month and their security deposits, will be refunded. As to insurance, Croteau said the owner's insurance covers structural damage only and will not pay for personal property damage suffered by residents. She assured the residents that the owner of the property (a Northwest Washington dental surgeon), with whom she had been in frequent contact, will make every effort to See RESIDENTS, page 4, col. 1

sion's last-minute plan with its gerrymandered District IV, placing Greenbelt and Upper Marlboro with Bowie.

District IV, the mirror image of the original gerrymandered Massachusetts election district, was described during the evening as a "joke, a political maliceousness" (Ellen Chambers, Upper Marlboro), "a long salamander with its head in Springhill Lake and its toes in Marlboro Meadows" (Jerry Devlin, Delegate, 24th legislative district).

City officials took exception to the commission's claim that while "... (we) would like to have accommodated (Greenbelt's) request, ... because of our overriding concern to incorporate the adopted guidelines, while providing

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## Orchestra Members Raise Funds for Trip to Vienna

by Sandra Barnes

The mayor of Vienna, Austria, has invited the 80-member Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphony Orchestra to the prestigious international youth and music festival, the Vienna International Cultural Exchange Program, July 7-18.

Roosevelt's orchestra, which includes ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade Greenbelt and other county students, achieved the distinction of receiving all superior ratings at last year's state and county music festivals. This excellence is thought to have resulted in their invitation to the Vienna festival which will be attended by only nine other groups from North America plus high school and youth orchestras from Europe.

Each student planning to participate—including those seniors from last year who were graduated in 1981 but contributed to the orchestra's high rating—must pay his or her own way (\$1300) to cover airfare, lodging, land transportation costs and two meals per day for 12 days. As a result, students are busy with numerous fund-raising activities. Passing the hat after their performance at the Labor Day Festival earned them \$240. They also had a face-painting booth at the festival and other area fairs. They plan a flea market in the school's parking lot on Saturday, October 31 and a citrus sale is in the offing. Their first combined band concert of the season will be on October 30.

The orchestra, under the direction of Dorothy Pickard, is composed of an unusual number of strings—50—and woodwinds. Many tech students who attend Roosevelt seem to play the violin, noted Jean Turkiewicz, one of the parents assisting with the fundraising.

The orchestra will tour Austria and Germany by bus, giving concerts in various places before settling in Vienna for seven days. It will perform a variety of music—classical and popular—while on tour plus required pieces. The opening performance in Vienna will feature all the invited orchestras playing in a mass concert.

### Hoyer in City Monday

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer will host an informal citizens' meeting in Greenbelt on Monday, October 26. The meeting is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Center.

This Town Meeting is one of a series planned for various communities throughout the Fifth Congressional District. The purpose of these meetings, according to Rep. Hoyer, is "to give us a chance informally to discuss issues facing our area and our nation." The congressman will be accompanied by members of his staff who can offer guidance and information on problems involving the federal government.

#### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Oct. 22, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
Mon., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. Rep. Steny Hoyer's Town Meeting, Municipal Building  
Tues., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. City Council Public Airing on Redistricting, Municipal Building  
Wed., Oct. 28, 8 p.m. City Council Public Hearing on Cable T.V., Youth Center Multipurpose Room  
Fri., Oct. 30, 3:30-5 p.m. Halloween Costume Parade & Party, Youth Center Gym  
Sat., Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Trick or Treat Night

### At the Library

Halloween Party. Ages 2-8, Thursday, Oct. 29, 4-6 p.m. Spooky stories, fun and games. For more information call 345-5800.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AIRING

#### County Councilmanic Redistricting Proposals

THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENBELT HAS SCHEDULED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1981

AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

IN THE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS — MUNICIPAL BUILDING 25 RECENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND

The purpose of the meeting is to give all citizens an opportunity to air their views concerning the plan for the establishment of Councilmanic Districts recommended by the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and, in particular, the effect of this plan upon the residents of the City of Greenbelt.

Sign interpretation for the hearing handicapped will be available, if requested in advance. Contact City Manager's Office.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC  
City Clerk

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## Two Nights To Remember

Greenbelt did itself proud on October 13 when between 80 and 100 of our fellow citizens turned out in Upper Marlboro to express this community's strong feelings about Greenbelt's disenfranchisement under the proposed county council redistricting plan.

Now the same feelings must be displayed again. Let's make October 26 and 27, in Greenbelt's Municipal Building, two nights to remember.

On October 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Congressman Steny Hoyer will hold a Town Meeting to which all Greenbelters are invited. We need to turn out in record numbers to communicate our concern and our desire for all the help he can give us in winning an equitable redistricting plan. Already the members of our State legislative delegation have committed themselves to support Greenbelt's interests in the matter. Perhaps the added weight of the county's highest ranking elected official may be enough to tip the balance on the scales of justice.

On the following evening, October 27, city council will host a "public airing" of the redistricting question, to which members of the Redistricting Commission and the County Council have been invited to attend. Beginning at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, citizens will have an opportunity to go on record. Here is the time to let your city council members know that you are with them. Make it clear that you support the city's position, even if it means going to court to challenge this outrage perpetrated against Greenbelt by the Redistricting Commission.

The Greenbelt modification separates Greenbelt and Bowie. It provides that District III be made up of College Park, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale, Landover Hills and Greenbelt. These municipalities share many common interests.

## Consumer Programs At Co-op Supermarket

Co-op Home Economist Maria Mierish will be in the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket on several dates in October to present special programs of interest to Greenbelt consumers. On Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the topic will be "Homemade Hallowe'en Treats." On Friday, Oct. 30 during the same hours the topic will be "Cheese Taste-Testing."

### Help-by-Phone Director To Speak at Pot Luck

On Sunday, October 25, at 6 p.m., the Greenbelt Community Church will hold a vegetarian pot luck supper, after which Lois Jones, Director of Help-By-Phone, will speak. All are welcome. Those attending should bring a vegetarian dish to share, and their own plates and silverware. For further information, call the Greenbelt Community Church at 474-6171.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CABLE TELEVISION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENBELT HAS SCHEDULED  
 A PUBLIC HEARING  
 FOR  
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1981 - 8:00 P.M.  
 IN THE  
 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM - GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER  
 99 CENTERWAY

TO RECEIVE CITIZENS COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS  
 TO PROVIDE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES  
 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF GREENBELT.  
 ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC  
 CITY CLERK

## Folk Mass at Holy Cross

"A Twentieth Century Folk Mass" by Geoffrey Beaumont will be the order of service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, on Sunday, October 25, at 11:15 a.m.

The Mass will be chanted by the pastor and two cantors. The choirs of Holy Cross will aid the congregation in the responses. The Youth Chorus will lead the hymn singing which includes several contemporary compositions.

### Open Letter

#### Open Letter to GHI members:

GHI is only as good as you make it. You are GHI.

You need to come to Board Meetings and Committee Meetings. You need to work through committees.

At this time, as president of the board, Mr. Smith, put it in a letter confirming the Ad Hoc Committee for Rehab. Complaints, management and GHI Development Corporation (which in truth are one and the same) seem to have the minimum of problems and hopefully there will be a minimum of complaints; and perhaps no need for the ad hoc committee. I think that is overly optimistic. However I am cautiously optimistic with the present management. . . .

If you come forward and support what you believe to be positive improvement and raise your voice in unison against what you see to be unproductive, GHI can still be a strong organization.

If you shrug your shoulders and say, "let the other fellow do it," or "nothing can be done, the old crowd will always do as they please," then GHI is lost by default. Not just 250 to 500 of you, but 1600 of you will make a difference.

Study the information coming out from management and make decisions as to what you think is best for the organization, support it with your voice at board meetings, committee and membership meetings. You and I, the membership, can and will control GHI and assume a strong, profitable, comfortable and beautiful homeowner cooperative. It is up to us. We cannot blame an elected board or management unless we support them when we think they are right and oppose them when we feel strongly that they are on the wrong track.

Bettie Denson

## People Asked to Provide Breakfast for the Needy

St. Hugh's Catholic Church and the Greenbelt Community Church are uniting efforts to provide food for the Washington based organization, SOME - So Others Might Eat - which daily feeds 200-300 needy persons for breakfast and 300-400 for lunch. SOME relies on donations and volunteer help to keep its programs in operation. St. Hugh's and Greenbelt Community Church are asking churches and members of the community to become involved. Sixty to 70 volunteers and alternates are needed to provide breakfast foods for the third Friday of each month. Each person is asked to provide food for ten, delivered to St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. the Thursday before each third Friday of the month. Volunteers may cook a casserole, provide two dozen eggs and juice, or breakfast breads and juice.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for a cause that takes very little time and energy, please call Judy Zidar at 552-2389 (evenings) or Joan Bryce at 474-9189.

## Planetarium Program

A new planetarium program exploring the birth of the universe will be offered at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28 at the Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd. Entitled "Springtime of the Universe," the hour-long program will delve into the development of stars and planets. For further information call 577-8718. There is a small admission charge.

## Mobile Crime Prevention Exhibit at Beltway Plaza

A mobile crime prevention education exhibit will be stationed at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center near the main entrance from Monday, October 26 to Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. According to Allan Crosby, spokesman for the sponsor, the J. Edward Slavin Foundation of Connecticut, the exhibit's objective is to try to save the kids before they get into trouble.

The display includes a model jail cell, a collection of police badges and patches and police and riot equipment. Three trained education officers will explain the exhibit and answer questions.

Everyone is invited. There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated.

### Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
 (Ages Nursery - Adult)  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
 474-1924

## Co-op Awards Assembly Saturday at Center School

Co-op Month will be capped off this Saturday, October 24, at the Poster and Essay Contest Awards Assembly. The Assembly will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Center School Auditorium. First through fifth place prizes will be awarded and all contestants will receive a co-op button and certificate for entering.

In addition to contest winners, the assembly will feature door prizes, refreshments, a filmstrip, balloons and informational items on the cooperatives serving the Greenbelt community. Everyone is invited to join in the fun at the awards assembly.

## Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770  
 474-4090/345-2918

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 First and third Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 Second and fourth Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057

## Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)  
 Hillside and Crescent Roads  
 Phone 474-6171 mornings



11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at  
 2B Hillside  
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and  
 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

### SPRING SUMMER

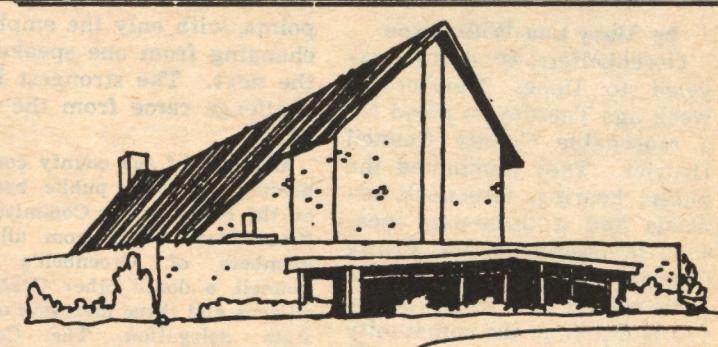
### FALL WINTER

Whatever the season  
 Whatever the temperature

You are invited to worship with us

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212  
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.  
 For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road  
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.  
 Sunday morning nursery at both services  
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor  
 Phone 345-5111

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ing adequate black representation, it became impossible." Greenbelt's response was what Mayor Richard Castaldi termed "an exemplary alternative" — the Greenbelt modification. This version shifts a minimum number of precincts, disturbing little of the commission's work.

The new District III would include Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale and Landover Hills. The new plan, Castaldi said, "... is closer to the ideal of several of the guidelines and does at least as well as the commission plan in meeting the rest." The districts are more compact and the population variance lessened.

Of the four original plans, said Councilman Tom White, three were fairly uniform. The districts were compact and contiguous. The fourth, Plan X, was the only one Greenbelt opposed. "The fifth plan, the commission's final plan would be the worst for Greenbelt," said White.

With the help of a large map, White showed how he and others had moved the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to come up with the Greenbelt modification. District III was reconstructed in a compact shape, he said, that no longer "wraps around anything, because we no longer have the beak and talons of the salamander." He advised the council: "You can resolve the Greenbelt issue."

"This isn't going to be a very pleasant evening for you," warned city councilman Dick Pilski, "or for Greenbelt." He told them, "It was a shame that names were given to each member's plan, because it became theirs, either Democrat or Republican, and not the county it was to serve." He reminded them of their oath to represent all the people and warned them: "There is no safe district."

"Two (of the five members of the commission) voted against the plan, and another, the third member, found a 'major flaw' in it serious enough for him to write a minority report," said city councilman Gil Weidenfeld. "To disenfranchise the third largest municipality in the county on such tenuous approval is to make a political mockery of the redistricting process."

"The City of Greenbelt is united in its displeasure of this plan," newest member of the city council, Ed Putens, told the county council. He then introduced "his" people. Eighty Greenbelt residents stood again as they had for the mayor. Most were dressed in green, some sported "Greenbelt is Great" shirts and each wore a small pine tree cut out of green construction paper, provided by J Davis.

**The Delegation**

State Senator Ed Conroy and Delegates Joan Pitkin and Jerry Devlin supported Greenbelt's position.

Said Conroy: "Greenbelt's a very proud community — their history of birth during the Roosevelt administration has traditionally stamped them as a positive and progressive city. . . . I can only think of possibly one instance in these past 10 years that has engulfed Greenbelt more in a 'Sea of Rage' . . . they feel disenfranchised."

"Greenbelt is singularly without a voice," added Devlin.

"Greenbelt had made its wishes known during the summer. The commission thumbed its nose at Greenbelt," declared Pitkin.

"It is unfair, unjust and inequitable to again put the first and third largest municipalities, without common interests, into the same district," said Leo Green, a past delegate. "I ask you not to

do that again. . . . I plead with you to correct this situation."

**Support for Commission Plan**

Most of the support shown for the Commission Plan came from public officials (9 out of the 20 who spoke) who were happy with the placement of their communities. "No plan can possibly satisfy everyone," Mayor Jordan Harding of New Carrollton said, reflecting the position of most.

A few officials did sympathize with Greenbelt: "If Hyattsville had been joined with Bowie, you'd see Hyattsville people here tonight," said Tom Bass, Mayor of Hyattsville. There was fear that tampering with the plan to accommodate Greenbelt might upset another community that is now satisfied.

Sue Mills questioned the motivation of some who supported the commission plan. "Did you answer the clarion call?" she inquired of a man from Laurel, explaining to the public that unnamed members of the county council telephoned selected residents asking them to testify in favor of the plan. To her fellow council members she said: "I hope you noticed that despite the telephone campaign, few (11 out of 37 individuals and representatives of civic organizations) are here to support the plan."

**Public's Response**

Stung by having had no opportunity to advise the commission on its final plan, the public had strong words to describe the commission's strategy: "bait and switch" (Ella Ennis, Commission member); "an affront" (Suzannah Christophae, Mayor, Bladensburg); "the finest example of back-room politicking" (Collette Zieders, Ft. Washington); "shows contempt for the spirit of open government" (Timothy Williams, Lanham). "Nine Rohrschach ink blots would have made a better plan" (Bill Burlison, Ft. Washington); "Citizens . . . were slapped in the face" (Joseph Johnson, Chairman of Citizens for a Community Council).

At the same time the public recognized that the county council is not bound to take the plan offered them. "Hoping this is not an effort in futility" (Mary Ellen Jenkins, Women's Political Caucus); "here's your chance to make a brighter future" (Alan Ritter, Tantallon); "develop a sincere alternative" (Tony McCarthy, Greenbelt Democratic Club); "the public's right to fair play and common justice must be honored" (Eunice Coxon, Greenbelt). But others were not so charitable: "You just couldn't keep your fingers out of the cookie jar, could you?" (Dale Wright, Seabrook).

**The Ennis Plan**

A majority of the citizens strongly favored adoption of the Ennis Plan, specifically commenting on its successful run before the public this summer at hearings held by the commission. Its author, Commission member Ella Ennis, had modified the plan in order to adhere to requests from the public. The plan called for three districts in each portion of the county — north, central and south — and placed Greenbelt and Bowie in separate districts.

Public outrage was centered on adoption of a plan the public had not seen which created "safe districts" for six or seven council incumbents. Many speakers told the county council their strategy would backfire, that an aroused public could unseat them all ultimately.

Only one or two voiced opposition to the Ennis Plan.

**School Board Plan?**

A scattering of support was evident for the Wynn-Smith Plan

**Protests Coordinated On PG Redistricting**

by Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

The saga of redistricting Prince Georges County continued at the meeting of city council October 19. First to be recognized on the subject was "J" Davis, Chairperson, Redistricting Action Committee, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. She announced three actions her group was undertaking on behalf of the club.

The first action took the form of a letter addressed to county council. It urged that the county council permit the introduction of the Ennis Revised Plan and schedule it for public hearing. Reportedly Councilwoman Ann Lombardi proposed to submit the Ennis Plan for council consideration at its October 20 meeting.

The Ennis Plan was one of four considered by the Redistricting Commission in its public hearings and had been generally well received across the county. On September 21, the city council endorsed a redistricting plan to be based generally on the Ennis Revised Plan, which grouped Greenbelt with Riverdale and New Carrollton. City council suggested that Berwyn Heights be substituted for Riverdale.

Davis announced, too, that her committee, with the assistance of Citizens for Greenbelt, would inaugurate a petition campaign this weekend to urge county council not to adopt the redistricting plan recommended by the Redistricting Commission. Also beginning this weekend with CFG cooperation would be a drive to register people to vote in county elections.

Members of city council responded enthusiastically. Mayor Richard Castaldi said that he had already been asked for copies of the petition by persons resident in other parts of the county. In support of the effort, he suggested that phone calls be made to county council members and to other influential persons. He had called Congressman Steny Hoyer, he said. Councilman Tom White suggested hand delivery of the letter to the Democratic Central Committee scheduled to meet in New Carrollton October 20. Councilman Weidenfeld proposed that the Prince Georges Journal receive the letter so that it might get county-wide attention.

Later in the meeting Weidenfeld introduced two motions that won council endorsement. One called for the city's sending a letter to county council to indicate Greenbelt's continued strong opposition to the plan of the Redistricting Commission and to urge that county council hold a public hearing on the Ennis Revised Plan.

The second motion authorized the procurement of postcards. These would be pre-addressed to county council. They would state the signer's opposition to the Redistricting Commission plan and urge that Greenbelt and Bowie not be placed in the same district. Distribution would be made among as many Greenbelters as could be reached.

— the closest to the present school board districts. The only outspoken advocate for using the same districts as the school board was school board member A. James Golato, from Bowie. (Golato, it is rumored, plans to seek the Bowie seat on the county council next year. If successful, he would also represent Greenbelt if the present District IV is adopted.)

**Excerpts of Statements At Redistricting Hearing****City of Greenbelt Statement**

Presented by Mayor Richard Castaldi

Mr. Chairman, members of the County Council.

. . . The people of Greenbelt reacted with outrage to the plan drawn by the Redistricting Commission. In addition to its other faults, we were affronted by our being placed in the same district with Bowie. We saw in that the "political disenfranchisement of the City of Greenbelt."

We recognized that our rage in itself accomplishes nothing. We set about, therefore, to prepare a reasonable alternative plan. This we call "The Greenbelt Modification to the Councilmanic Redistricting Plan." . . .

. . . In the Commission plan, District IV — The Bowie-Greenbelt District — bore a remarkable resemblance to the original gerrymandering. District III looked like a horseshoe that curved around the beak and snout of its salamander-shaped neighbor. The Greenbelt modification comes closer to providing that districts be compact and contiguous.

The Commission points out that the range in population from its largest to smallest district is 11.2%. The Greenbelt modification reduces the range slightly to 10.9%.

The Greenbelt modification places all of Bladensburg in one district — something the Redistricting Commission was unable to do. For the rest, it follows the example of the Commission in recognizing communities of interest in the southern part of the county and in municipalities and other areas adjacent to the District of Columbia.

As does the Commission plan, the Greenbelt modification provides for two "super majority black districts" and one "simple majority black district" — Districts VII, V and VI respectively.

**Alan Virta**

The question before us tonight is not who will share a district with Bowie. The question tonight is rather — how to draw fair districts — compact, contiguous, with equal populations. The majority plan fails all of these tests. Both the Ennis Plan and tonight's Greenbelt Plan are superior to the majority report in all three tests. Greenbelt is inside the Beltway. Our community of interest lies with our close neighbors in the north.

. . . Greenbelt will not be guaranteed that one of its citizens will be elected to the council if we share a district with Berwyn Heights and College Park. But we will be guaranteed that we share a district with communities that are demographically similar, with similar problems.

**Martin Holly**

. . . We were lulled to sleep and deceived by the outrageous betrayal by this commission which recommended a redistricting plan that bagged Greenbelt in with Bowie and Upper Marlboro thus denying Greenbelt representation as called for by Question K and County Charter guidelines.

It is obvious to us now that pressure forces were brought to bear to which this commission succumbed. . . .

As senior citizens, many of us belong to civic and veterans organizations, all non-political and non-partisan. But after our meetings we have our social confabs which have started and ended many a political career depending on our talk being glad or mad. We are now fighting mad. And you can look for hurricane winds of future change. . . .

**Eunice Coxon**

In Greenbelt both Republicans and Democrats are united in this issue. Coming from Massachusetts, the home of the original gerrymander, may I say the Pee-GeeMander is a sad and cynical example of crass political maneuvering and self-serving.

In 25 years this is the worst example I have witnessed of a municipality being made a fall guy. Why? Who picked Greenbelt?

**Robert Zugby**

. . . It bothers me a lot, what this says about the democratic

process. Since the age of 11 months, Prince Georges County has been home to me and since I became old enough to be a registered voter, I have been a member of the Democratic Party. This is the first time in my life I have been ashamed of both of those identifications.

I've never been a one issue man. But every once in a while there is an issue that demands it.

**Ruth Bond**

I was appalled and dismayed by the configuration unveiled at the final moment of their meetings. Of what use had been all those long trips through the summer's heat to all those meetings? We have but two recourses remaining — the vote and the lawsuit — both will most certainly be used should this plan become law. The plan calls for the virtual elimination of the women members of your body. Ms. Marshall, you are indeed blessed. I'm glad at least you remain viable. . . . To you men who have the option of voting yea or nay on this monstrosity, I would suggest to you to beware of women scorned. . . .

Mr. Casula — you have sat quietly during all this testimony by your constituents in your council district. Your silence speaks eloquently. . . .

**Greenbelt Homes**

Letter from president

James W. Smith

The convoluted meandering of District 4 violates every one of the Commission's guidelines for reapportionment. The County Council will be addressing many issues vital to GHI and the major Greenbelt community. These include land use, sewer and water, redevelopment, transportation policies and many others. To be included in a far-flung district dominated by the Bowie population center denies Greenbelt the kind of representation required to express the needs of our citizens. Thus, we urge you to consider an alignment which puts Greenbelt within the district containing northern Prince Georges neighbors such as College Park, Riverdale, and Berwyn Heights. . . .

All of Prince Georges citizens will be better served if the redistricting plan provides for adequate representation of the interest of all communities. . . .



After the fire is over, the cleanup begins . . .

photo by J. Henson

**RESIDENTS cont'd from p. 1**

get the building repaired as quickly as possible. Croteau told the News Review she did not know how many individuals lived in the twelve units affected by the fire.

Also on Tuesday a representative of the owner's insurance company was on the scene, together with contractors hired by the insurance company to assess the structural damage and to put temporary covering over holes in the roof. As of noon Tuesday, these individuals were unable to give the News Review any dollar estimates on repair costs, or how long it might take to repair the damage. One of the contractors did say that there had been a lot of fire damage to roof trusses.

**Residents Move Out**

Residents of the damaged units were busily packing and moving their belongings on Tuesday. Several residents told the News Review they had been alerted to the fire when the smoke alarms in their apartments went off. They said one or more residents had run from door to door to be sure everyone was warned and got out.

One resident told the News Review that some time ago he had looked into the attic crawl space through a ceiling opening, and that the space was not interrupted

by any fire break between 53-A and 53-B. He also said there was nothing stored in the attic space. An insurance company contractor confirmed the absence of a fire break in the common crawl space over the two units.

Residents of 53-C Crescent, which is structurally a continuation of the building housing 53-A and 53-B, were protected from spread of the fire by a firewall. Although they had to evacuate during the fire, they were able to reenter their apartments later, and their utilities (gas etc.) were turned back on about 9 or 9:30 Monday night.

**Stress Without Distress**

"Stress Caused by Career/Life Changes" is a three-session, non-credit course scheduled for Mondays, Oct. 26 through Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at the College's Largo Campus. Designed for all persons who would like to live more creatively with the changes that are a part of daily life, the course focuses on understanding stress, relaxation methods and how to have stress without too much distress. There is a fee. For registration information, call 322-0875.

**FIREFIGHTERS cont'd fr p 1**

to give the News Review any cost estimates.

The work of the firefighters is not over once a fire has been extinguished, Dunn explained. For example, a clean-up crew must mop up excess water and carry outdoors pieces of fallen ceiling; equipment must be made functional again and trucks put back into service.

Dunn praised the work of all the firemen in coping with "an actual live fire." There were 17 firemen from the Greenbelt Department and at least 36 firemen from companies in Branchville, West Lanham, Berwyn Heights, and Glenn Dale. Other units came from Beltsville and Riverdale.

**Assistance**

Seven employees of the county's Office of Emergency Preparedness and four members of the American Red Cross Disaster Action team spent up to six hours assisting persons left homeless. OEP director Hal Silvers told the News Review that all families have found temporary lodgings—most with friends and relatives, one in a motor home and another in a motel (most insurance policies permit persons to stay in a motel until rehabilitation of their homes is completed).

Silvers, a Greenbelter and OEP's ombudsman in time of crises and crisis intervention, commended the "competency, professionalism and sense of responsibility" shown by the Greenbelt fire-ground commander and his crew.

Silvers applauded Mrs. Delores Johnson of 11-C Parkway for her generosity and helpfulness in giving shelter and sustenance to those who had been evacuated from their burning building. "She offered her home — she gave every assistance one can imagine," he said, adding, "This proves that people are compassionate. Mrs. Johnson deserves to be called 'Mrs. Greenbelt.'"

Silvers, proud of Greenbelt's response, said, "It's a big, little town. We may battle each other in a multitude of political and civic problems, but a Greenbelter loves Greenbelt."

The Red Cross Disaster Action

**Baptists Set October 25-28 For Renewal and Revival**

Greenbelt Baptist Church will have a Week of Renewal and Revival October 25-28. The guest speaker will be Melvin Wise, evangelist, from Atlanta, Georgia. The music will be under the direction of Choir Director Frank Helms.

The schedule will be: Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday study at 10 a.m. and week nights services at 7:30. A nursery will be available at all services.

The Greenbelt Baptist Church is located at Crescent and Greenhill Roads. The public is invited.

**Recreation Review****Crafts Show**

It is that time again! Sponsored by the Greenbelt Rec. Dept., the Tenth Annual Greenbelt Craft Show and Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Center Business Office or call 474-6878.

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**Halloween in Greenbelt**

Is everyone's costume ready? No matter what the costumes are, get them ready now and plan to participate in the annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party.

The Costume Parade will be held at the Youth Center from 3:30-5 p.m. on Friday, October 30. Judging will be done in various categories, for those in costume, from pre-school thru sixth grades. Movies, treats and special activities are in store for all participants.

"Trick or Treat" Night is Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. Residents wishing to participate should turn on their porch lights apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door knobs.

Parents are urged to accompany young children and inspect all treats. Unwrapped candy should be avoided.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

**Petition Circulating Against District Four**

The Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt is beginning a petition drive against the adoption of the Redistricting Plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission on September 25. Additionally a voter registration drive will be held this Saturday, October 24.

The plan would place Greenbelt in a Councilmanic District with Bowie and is opposed by Greenbelters because it practically precludes the possibility of a Greenbelt representative on the County Council.

All Greenbelt community and civic organizations are requested to join in an organized effort

to collect sufficient signatures to deliver the clear message of Greenbelt's dissatisfaction to the chairman and members of the County Council.

Petitions will be available beginning this Saturday from:

J Davis, 345-3243; Muriel Weidenfeld, 345-2327; and Peg Johnson, 345-2660.

Voter registration tables will be set up this Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in Greenbelt Center, Greenway Center near the Safeway, and at Beltway Plaza. Anyone eighteen years of age or older may register with any party affiliation or as an independent. Those who are already registered to vote but would like to help register others, contact Bob Flynn at 474-7837 or J Davis at 345-3243.

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# Rehab, Roofs, Computers Discussed by GHI Board

by Sid Kastner

A great number of apparently separate items occupied the GHI Board's attention at the October 8 regular meeting, but it turned out that half a dozen of them were related to the rehabilitation program in one way or another. A large block of time was spent in debating the corporation's policy on "non-standard" additions, built or requested by members. As befits these technological times, also, the roles of the computer and solar heating in GHI affairs were discussed.

#### Rehabilitation Topics

In preparation for Phase II of the rehab. program, the staff architects are considering what renovations could be considered for the 22 frame homes with slate roofs in the South End, as well as for the five free-standing prefabricated homes in the North End. These "are unique . . . and there are differences even among them," according to the manager's memorandum to the board, making special considerations necessary. Preliminary staff suggestions include conversion to individual electric heat and hot water; repair or replacement of shingles; replacement of deteriorating wood; repair of gutters and downspouts; electric heavy-up and improvement; new windows; and crawl space improvements. Additional attic insulation would be optional. For the free-standing homes, replacement of asphalt roofs would be carried out if necessary.

Quite a bit of discussion took place on the question of how vigorously to pursue these measures, in view of the special nature of the homes. Director Joe Jenkins started off by noting that the shingles "now look very bad" and asked whether cleaning alone might help. Director Steve Curtis took the viewpoint that growth of vines and vegetation around the homes did not detract from their appearance, and urged that "non-invasive inspection" techniques be used to avoid getting into too-extensive repairs; he and other board members agreed with manager Tim Mitter that the members involved should be consulted on these steps. Director Wayne Williams cautioned however that the opportunity to repair any serious damage should not be overlooked, as did Ms. Feller from the floor who brought up the possibility that termite damage might be present after many years. Chairman Jim Smith suggested separating the practical and esthetic aspects of the project; he was in favor of repairing any structural damage found, but leaving esthetic improvements such as painting siding to the member, to be carried out under the regular maintenance program. The manager was asked to develop a statement on these proposals which could be provided to the members for their reaction.

At a later point in the meeting, director John Lewis questioned the manager on the coverage of guarantees on the vinyl siding now being installed, particularly on its waterproofing properties. He expressed concern that "with all the money we're spending on siding . . . we may end up with problems (of leaking)." Williams felt that the siding may not be going up fast enough. Because of these questions, the staff was asked to set up a meeting on siding. Director Margaret Hogensen also brought up the matter of helping individual members obtain financing for optional window installation on their own, reminding the board that "we have a responsibility to those . . . members."

In connection with members doing their own renovations, director Della Donaldson was concerned that some of the large number

lead to concrete decisions, Jenkins urged the board to consider instead the committee's proposed statement of policy. However, the statement was judged to be unclear as it stood, forcing the board to come up with its own version as formulated by Volk; "Service-side additions should use the standard shed roof, unless a consensus (majority) in a row approves a gable roof request; pitch of both roof types to be determined (in consultation) with the architect."

#### GHI Operations

Mitter reported that leasing a computer word processor would not be as economical as purchasing one outright, and recommended purchase of a Tandy (Radio Shack) Model II System at about \$12,000 including service contract. This was approved by the board. Later in the meeting, in response to a comment by Williams, Mitter noted that the Tandy system does have "Visicalc" and "Scrips-it" software which is useful for management purposes. Curtis recommended that the present Ad Hoc Computer committee be made a permanent one able to "draw on member expertise when selecting future software and hardware package."

Curtis also brought up, again, proposals for establishing an independent advisory committee; developing guidelines for the use of solar heating of domestic hot water and for later solar developments; and improving the internal walkway system (lighting, paving and extensions). Some reluctance to undertake such new initiatives was displayed by the board, but it was agreed that the Long Range Planning committee would be a proper group to start on the latter concepts. With regard to the advisory "committee on committees", chairman Smith made clear that he would welcome member's suggestions for personnel on such a committee.

Probably one of the best items the board listened to all evening came at the very beginning of the meeting, when Smith read a letter from a new member who "wanted to let you know just how great GHI is" and praised staff members Rayetta Henson and the maintenance department for their fine cooperation.

#### Concert at Roosevelt

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School bands and the symphony orchestra will perform their opening fall concert on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt auditorium. Included in their program will be works by Bach, Berlioz, Gershwin, Wagner, Gliere and Carter. There is a fee. For information call 441-9071.



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compiled by Mavis Fletcher

At 9:35 p.m. on October 14, a Berwyn Heights resident was robbed by three males in the American Legion parking lot. One suspect was armed with a handgun.

The People's Security Bank was robbed by two men armed with handguns on October 15 at 9:15 a.m. The suspects were wearing ski masks. The vehicle used in the commission of the robbery was recovered in Springhill Lake. It had been stolen from Seat Pleasant about an hour prior to the robbery. An undetermined amount of currency was taken.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro charged two local juvenile females in a breaking and entering which occurred in the 51 Court of Ridge Road. Much of the property was recovered.

A 1981 280ZX Datsun, Maryland registration ZFD 943, was stolen from the 8000 block of Mandan Road. The car is blue with a silver top.

Pfc. David R. Kress recovered a 1981 Ford Mustang which was reported stolen from Gaithersburg.

Pfc. Fred E. Murray charged a local adult with theft and carrying a concealed deadly weapon in relation to an incident in the 34 Court of Ridge Road. A local juvenile was also charged with theft.

A 2-door, yellow 1973 Volkswagen was stolen from the 200 block of Lakeside Drive. The Maryland

## GHI NOTES

The next GHI Board of Directors meeting will be held October 22 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The main item on the agenda is a preliminary review of the 1982 budget.

GHI regrets that there has been a delay in procedures for vinyl siding for frame home additions. The number of additions was more than expected and there was a delay in receiving the information from the architects. Members should receive the proposed contracts for this siding early next week. Members who want their addition sided must sign and return all three copies of the contract by November 5. Frame home members with additions who do not receive this material by October 27 should call GHI (474-6644).

GHI is happy to announce that Joe Whalen has been promoted to Maintenance Superintendent. In this capacity, he will have general responsibility for the Maintenance Department. He has been at GHI over 14 years and has worked at all levels in the Maintenance Department. The last two years, he was Supervisor of Structures and Grounds.

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ABFP diplomates must continue to show proof of competence in the field of comprehensive, continuing care of the family by being recertified every six years.

Navy Seaman Recruit Scott L. Anderson, son of George T. and Fay L. Anderson of Northway, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida. A 1981 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he joined the Navy in July.

Mickey and Scott Powell of Lakecrest are the proud parents of a baby girl. Amanda Ruth made her debut Sept. 30 weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Her maternal grandmother, Ruth Powell of Ridge Road, is a News Review staff member. Paternal grandparents are Ruth and Peter Polota of Springhill Lake Apartments.

Army Spec. 4 James P. Woodworth, son of Sharon H. Alfaro of 3 Crescent, has participated in "Reforger '81," a series of training exercises conducted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces in Europe. Woodworth is a gunner with the 3rd Armored Division in Kirch-Goens, West Germany.

Mark Blue is home visiting his family on Laurel Hill Rd. after graduating from the Marine boot camp at Parris Island, S.C. He leaves November 2 for Fort Delmar, CA where he will be assigned to a tank battalion.

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# Greenbelt Council Bites the Bullet Sets Public Hearing on Cable TV

by Leta Mach

At its October 5 session, city council decided that it would move forward on the issue of cable television and determined that it could not yet tell the county government how the city might use the North End School. "We've been waiting too long, I don't know why council has been gunshy about cable TV," said Councilman Richard Pilski as he moved for a public hearing about the issue. Council responded by approving the motion for an October 28 public hearing which could include presentations from the two city applicants and the county. Councilman Thomas White agreed with Pilski. He felt the hearing would "give public notice that council is considering granting a franchise."

Last spring, the city, in conjunction with New Carrollton, requested proposals for a cable TV system. Two responses were received. While the Storer Cable Communications response was unconditional, the Metrovision of Prince Georges County proposal was conditioned upon its receipt of the Northern Prince Georges County franchise. Storer recently received the New Carrollton franchise. On the other hand, the Prince Georges County Cable Television Commission has ranked Metrovision first and Storer third in the Northern franchise area. The county council should make an award by mid-November.

The city can award its own franchise, opt in with the county, or decide not to have cable television. After the county awards a franchise, the city will have 30 days to decide whether it should join the county system. City Manager Jim Giese, in his agenda notes, recommends against this course if the county cable TV ordinance is not amended. Storer and Metrovision are offering the city essentially the same service offered to the county.

During discussion, City Attorney Emmett Nanna noted a Washington Post article which reported that several states including Maryland had joined a case before the Superior Court on behalf of a cable TV operator suing Boulder, Colorado. The suit claimed the municipal franchise vio-

lates federal anti-trust laws. "You'd better consider speedily, if you don't want to be out in the cold," said Nanna.

In a memo, Michael McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant, noted the differences between Metrovision and Storer for access channels. Metrovision would have two county use channels and one municipal access channel. The municipal use channel would cost subscribers \$7.45 per month, because it is on the third tier of service. Storer would have shared-use access channels. One access channel would be shared with state and county and another shared with county and county agencies. The first channel would be on the universal tier and thus part of regular service while the second would be on the second tier and cost \$5.95 per month. The consultant for the county cable TV commission felt Metrovision was more responsive to the needs of municipalities.

## North End School

During the summer, the city notified the county of its interest in the surplus North End School. In reply, County Executive Lawrence Hogan asked how the city would use the building. Hogan's letter expressly noted the O. W. Phair School which was sold to a private developer for an office facility that contributes to the county tax base.

Giese recommended that the city inform Hogan of its interest

in working with the county on the disposition of the school. He also suggested Hogan be advised of an upcoming Park and Planning Commission study and city election questionnaire question on uses for North End School. The results of the questionnaire are still being tabulated. Giese did not feel the city could reply to the County Executive because the city has not decided whether it should acquire the school and how it should be used. Council passed Giese's recommendation as its motion.

During the period for petitions and requests, council heard from Phyllis Olfsky who appeared on behalf of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Orchestra. She noted that the orchestra had received a surprise invitation to participate in the International Youth Music Festival next July in Vienna, Austria. The orchestra is one of 13 groups representing North America and the only group from Maryland.

Since each student must pay about \$1,300, fundraising will be a big task. The orchestra invited the mayor and city councilmen to serve as honorary fundraising chairman and co-chairman respectively. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld suggested an honorary board of city council and other officials throughout the state. Council unanimously agreed to lend their names to fundraising activities.

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A human nutrition study on the mineral status of individuals consuming ground beef containing soy protein is being conducted by the Department of Food, Nutrition and Institution Administration, University of Maryland, and the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, USDA, Beltsville, between December, 1981, and June, 1982.

In addition to having the family's major meat source for the six month period provided by this project, families fulfilling all requirements of the study will be paid \$1,000.

**SUBJECTS NEEDED:** Families (mother, father and children 16-18 years of age) willing to consume ground beef containing soy protein for six months and donate six to nine blood samples at specified times.

### STUDY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Subjects between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age must consume ground beef as the major dietary protein source for one meal each day each week, and adult subjects must consume the ground beef as the major dietary protein source for eleven of fourteen breakfast or evening meals each week.
2. All prospective volunteers will be screened with a general medical examination. This medical examination will be

repeated on all subjects at the end of the study.

3. All subjects must donate between six and nine 5-6 ml blood samples at specified times during the study.
4. Adult male subjects will be required to participate on 4 weekends (Saturday and Sunday mornings) in iron absorption tests which require four additional blood collections.
5. Food consumption records of each subject's 24 hour intake will be required at various times during the study. Food consumption records of each meal in which the ground beef is consumed will be required.

**PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS:** Representatives (husband and/or wife) of interested families should attend a meeting on Saturday, October 24 at either 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. in Building 307, Room 112 at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Building 307 is on Center Road just off Powder Mill Road (between U.S. Route 1 and the Washington-Baltimore Parkway) in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD.

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